

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-7, 11-13, 19, 22-36 and 38-42 have been canceled, without prejudice.

The details of claim 5 have been added to claim 1 and the details of claims 38 and 41 have been added to claim 37. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 8-10, 14-18, 20-21, 37 and 43-50 will be pending. The amendments have been made, without prejudice, to advance prosecution. The amendments do not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. The present Amendment is submitted to place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of the Amendment is requested.

Entry of the Amendment, and rejoinder and allowance of the withdrawn claims, with the remaining active claims, are requested as the amended withdrawn claims require the previously-examined sequence in the antisense direction. The format of the amendments to the withdrawn claims is submitted to be presented in compliance with the Rules (e.g., indicating that the claim is "withdrawn" while also being amended) however the Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Favorable consideration of the Request of May 2, 2005 and return of the requested initialed copy of the previously submitted PTO 1449 Form are requested.

The claims are believed to define the elected and examined invention and allowance of the previously-withdrawn claims which will be pending upon entry of the present Amendment is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejections of claims 1-6, 8-10, 14-18, 20, 21, 38 and 42 are obviated by the above amendments. Entry of the present Amendment and withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejections are requested.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-6, 8-10, 14-18, 20, 21, 38 and 42 will be obviated upon entry of the present Amendment. Entry of the present Amendment and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

The Rule 75 objection of claims 38 and 42 will be moot upon entry of the present Amendment. Entry of the present Amendment and withdrawal of the objection are requested.

The amended claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and entry of the present Amendment and a Notice of Allowance are requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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